

1 JUDGE ADKINS: I think we might exclude municipi-  
2 palities, and I don't think this would answer your question  
3 because as I understand, Baltimore City is classified here  
4 not as a municipality, but a county.

5 THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gentry?

6 MR. GENTRY: Mr. Clagett, counties will have  
7 powers not denied by charter or general law. Can the  
8 General Assembly delegate powers identical to a county to  
9 a regional government?

10 MR. CLAGETT: By general law they can utilize  
11 the classification procedure and where the law applies to  
12 all counties within a classification or to all counties  
13 within the State, the answer is yes, they could do so.

14 MR. GENTRY: But, in setting up a particular  
15 regional government, just one, they could give that regional  
16 government identical powers?

17 MR. CLAGETT: By withdrawal, yes, provided it  
18 met the criteria of the general law and that's why you've  
19 got to have the provision as we provide later for classifica-  
20 tion by population or other criteria, so that you can make  
21 use of the general law within the definition as we made it